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Title of Invention: **PLANT FOR WASHING PLASTIC MATERIAL**

Applicant: Piergiorgio Teruggi et al.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on this date **December 13, 2001** in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV001611304US addressed to: **Box PCT, ATTN. EO/US, Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.**

  
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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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1. a. X This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under **35 U.S.C. 371**.  
b. — This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under **35 U.S.C. 371**.
2. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under **35 U.S.C. 371**:  
a. X This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).  
b. X The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and other fees (37 CFR 1.492) as indicated below:
3. **Fees**  
a. **BASIC NATIONAL FEE**  
X U.S. PTO WAS NOT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY  
Where no international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid to the U.S. PTO, and payment of an international search fee as set forth in § 1.445(a)(2) to the U.S. PTO:  

<u>—</u> has been paid (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2))	740.00
<u>—</u> has not been paid (37CFR 1.492(a)(3))	1040.00
<u>X</u> where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5))	890.00
- b. **EXTRA CLAIM FEE**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee - \$890.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(5))
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	22 - 20 =	2 × \$18.00 =	\$36.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0 × \$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	+ \$270.00 =		\$0.00

- c. **SMALL ENTITY:** Applicant qualifies for and hereby claims Small Entity Status

Total National Fee	<u>\$926</u>
Small Entity Status - 50% reduction	\$463
Assignment Recordation fee	\$40
Total Fees Enclosed	\$503

X Check in the amount of **\$503.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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4. A copy of the International application as published (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
- ☒ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
  - ☒ has been transmitted
    - ☒ by the International Bureau.  
Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): 21 December 2000.
    - ☐ by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A Translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
- ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☒ is not required as the application was filed in English.
  - ☐ was previously transmitted by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ will follow.
6. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- ☒ are transmitted herewith (as a part of the International Examination Report)
  - ☐ have been transmitted
    - ☐ by the International Bureau.  
Date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/IB/308): \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ have not been transmitted as
    - ☐ applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19. Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210.): \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ☐ the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.
7. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
- ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☒ is not required as the amendments were made in the English language.
  - ☐ has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5c above.
8. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)
- ☒ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
9. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report
- ☒ is/are transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
10. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report
- ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☒ is not required as the annexes are in the English language.
11. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. 115
- ☐ was previously submitted by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ is submitted herewith
12. Other document(s) or information included:
12. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):
- ☒ is transmitted herewith.
  - ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. Date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308): \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
  - ☐ will be transmitted promptly upon request.
  - ☐ has been submitted by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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13. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98:

- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.  
Also transmitted herewith is/are:  
☐ Form PTO-1449.  
☐ Copies of citations listed.
- b. ☒ will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).
- c. ☐ was previously submitted by applicant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

14. An Assignment document:

- a. ☐ will follow.
- b. ☒ is transmitted herewith for recording.  
A separate ☒ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

15. Additional Documents

- a. ☒ Copy of Request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. ☐ International Publication No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. ☐ Specification, claims and drawing
- ii. ☐ Front page only.
- c. ☒ Preliminary amendment (37 CFR § 1.121)
- d. ☒ Other: Power of Attorney by Assignee Amut S.p.A.

16. The above checked items are being transmitted

- a. ☒ before 30 months from any claimed priority date.
- b. ☐ after 30 months.


17. Authorization To Charge Additional Fees and Credit Overpayment

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees that may be required by this paper including, without limitation, filing fees, fees for presentation of extra claims, and surcharge for filing late declarations to Deposit Account No.: 08-1290.  
An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

18. Return Receipt Postcard

☒ Enclosed.

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